Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Libraries are instrumental in fostering early childhood and youth literacy; and,

Whereas, Libraries play a key role in the historical preservation process; and,

Whereas, Libraries promote strong community involvement, through programs and classes, and by offering a safe place for youth after school; and,

Whereas, Libraries foster lifelong learning for patrons of all ages and all walks of life; and,

Whereas, Libraries seek to bridge the information gap by offering special services such as book loans, Internet access, and research databases to all people, no matter their financial status; and,

Whereas, Libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week April 12-18, 2009:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009, as

LIBRARY WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge citizens to recognize the many contributions our South Dakota libraries have made to their patrons, schools, communities, and state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State